

Supporting Information

Structural Evolution, Sequential Oxidation and Chemical Bonding in Tri-yttrium Oxide Clusters: $Y_3O_x^-$ and Y_3O_x ($x = 0-6$)

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Figure S1-S7 Isomeric structures and their relative energies 0.40 eV above the ground state for $Y_3O_x^{-/0}$ ($x = 0-6$).

Figure S8 The simulated photoelectron spectra for $Y_3O_x^-$ ($x = 0-5$) selected low-lying structures except for the ground state (within ~0.10 eV). The simulations are done by fitting the distribution of calculated vertical detachment energies with unit-area Gaussian functions of 0.10 eV width.

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Table SII Cartesian coordinates for the all optimized structures within 0.40 eV for $Y_3O_x^{-/0}$ ($x = 0-5$) at the BP86/Y/Stuttgart+2f1g/O/aug-cc-pvTZ level of theory.

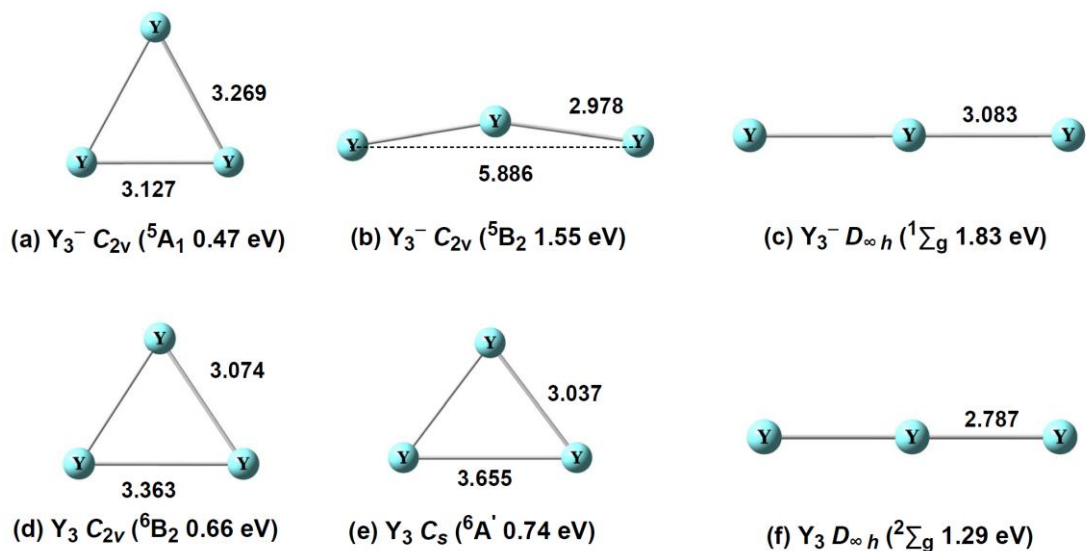


Figure S1 Isomeric structures and their relative energies for $Y_3^{-/0}$.

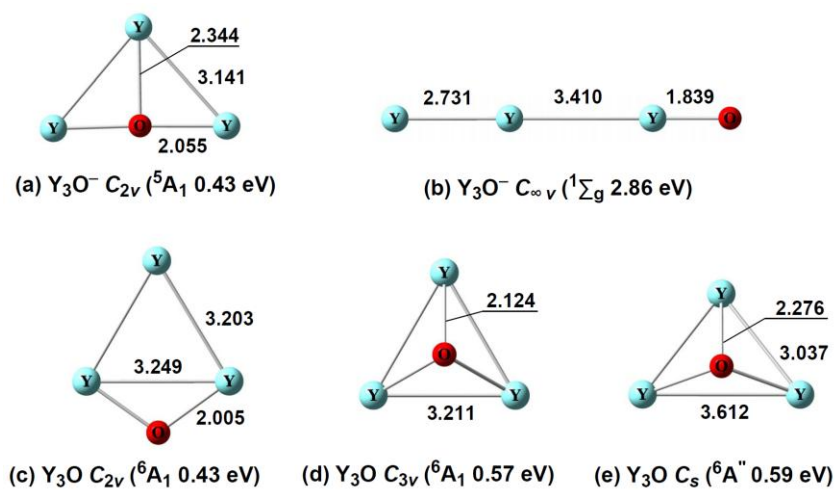


Figure S2 Isomeric structures and their relative energies for $Y_3O^{-/0}$.

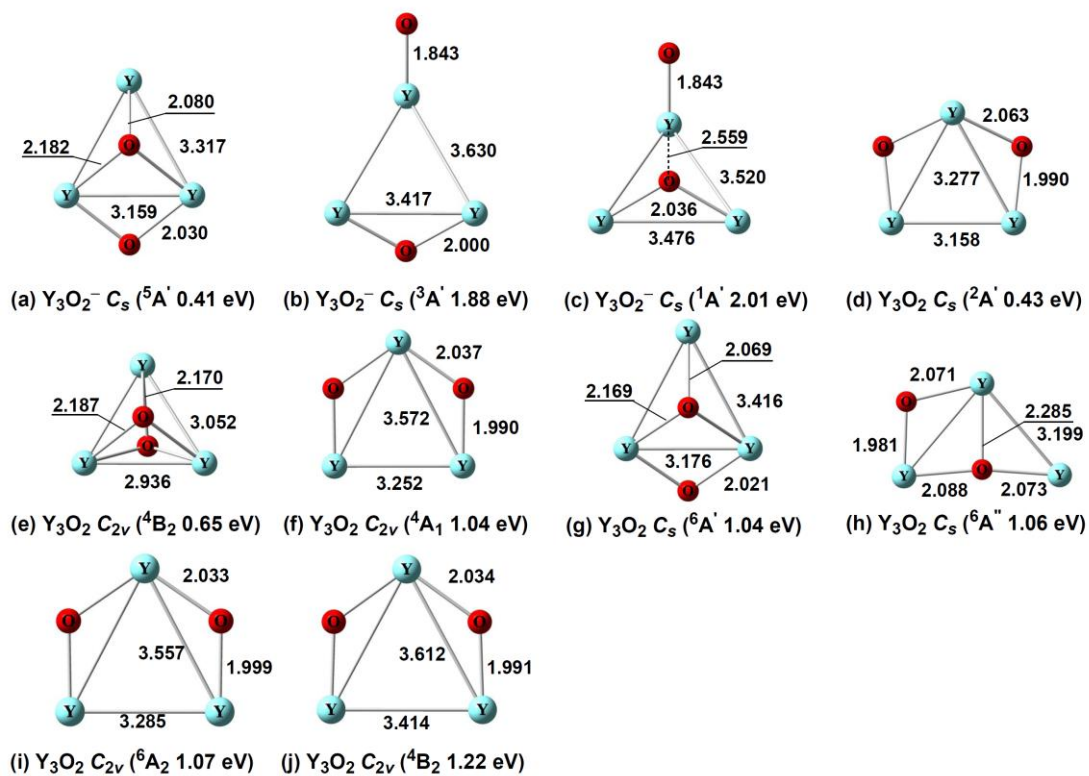


Figure S3 Isomeric structures and their relative energies for $Y_3O_2^{-/0}$.

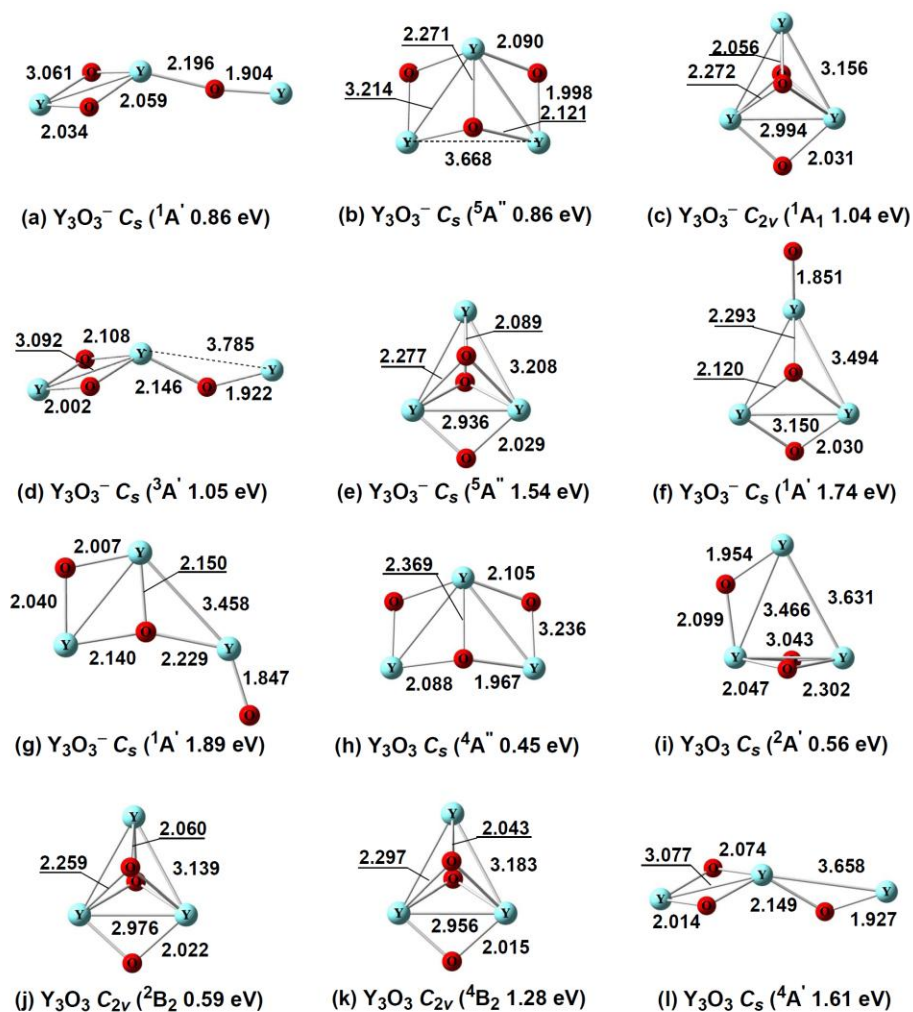


Figure S4 Isomeric structures and their relative energies for $\text{Y}_3\text{O}_3^{-/0}$.

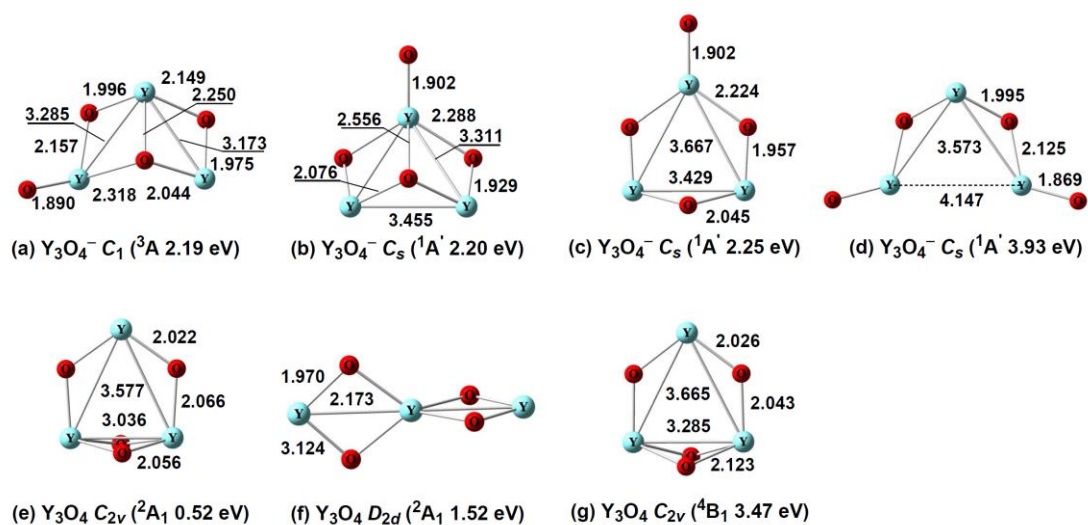


Figure S5 Isomeric structures and their relative energies for $\text{Y}_3\text{O}_4^{-/0}$.

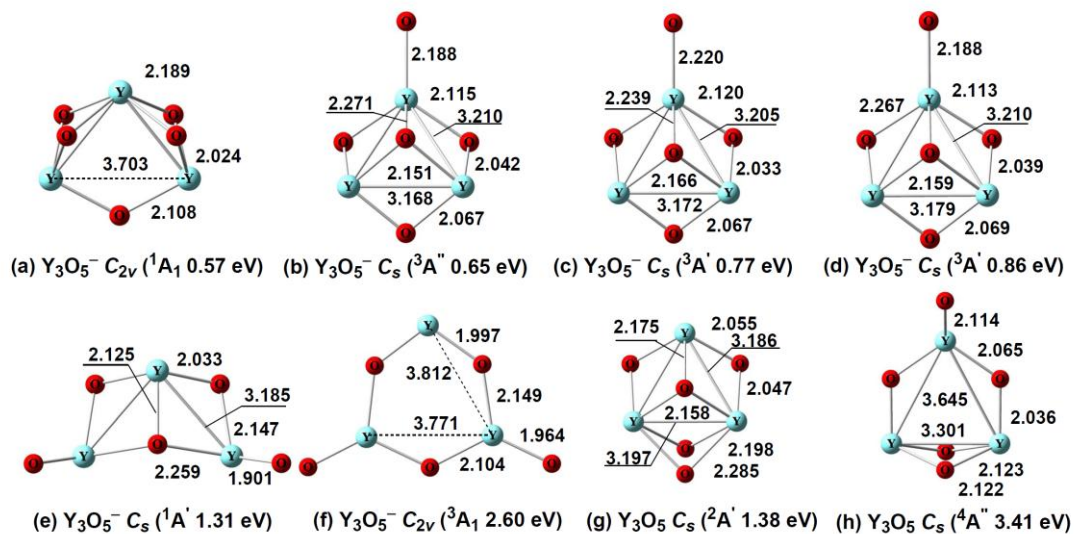


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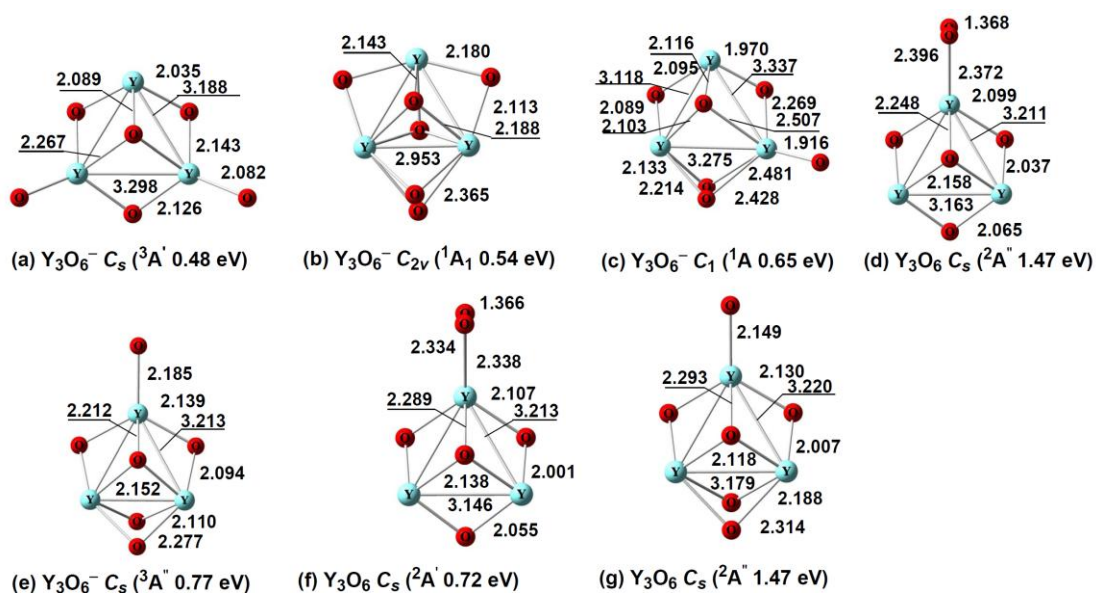


Figure S7 Isomeric structures and their relative energies for $\text{Y}_3\text{O}_6^{-/0}$.

Figure S8

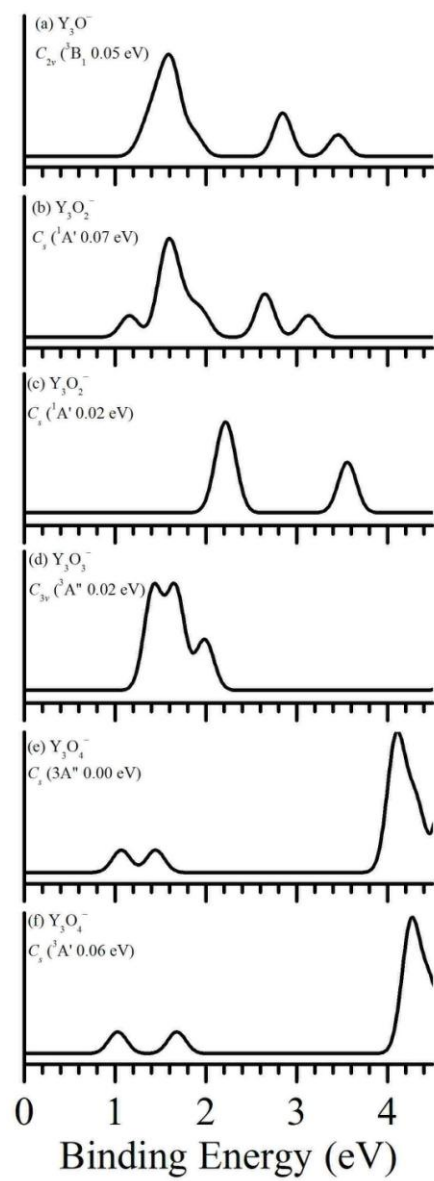


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Cluster	Symmetry	State	BP86 ^{a,b}	CCSD(T) ^{a,c}
Y_3	D_{3h}	$^2A_1'$	0.00	0.00
	D_{3h}	$^2A_2''$	0.10	0.08
Y_3O^-	C_{3v}	1A_1	0.00	0.00 (0.00) ^d
	C_{2v}	3B_1	0.05	0.00 (0.02) ^d
	C_s	$^3A''$	0.07	0.10 (0.10) ^d
$Y_3O_2^-$	C_s	$^1A'$	0.00	0.00
	C_s	$^1A'$	0.02	0.24
	C_s	$^3A''$	0.18	0.55
Y_3O_2	C_s	$^3A'$	0.20	0.57
	C_s	$^2A'$	0.00	0.00
	C_{2v}	4A_2	0.06	0.31
	C_s	$^4A''$	0.16	0.48
$Y_3O_3^-$	C_s	$^3A''$	0.00	0.00
	C_{3v}	1A_1	0.02	0.18
Y_3O_3	C_s	$^2A''$	0.00	0.00
	C_s	$^2A'$	0.04	0.15
	C_{3v}	1A_1	0.00	0.00
$Y_3O_4^-$	C_s	$^3A''$	0.00	0.18
	C_s	$^3A'$	0.06	0.25
Y_3O_5	C_s	$^2A''$	0.00	0.00
	C_s	$^2A'$	0.11	0.31
$Y_3O_6^-$	C_s	$^1A'$	0.00	0.00
	C_s	$^3A''$	0.06	0.60

^a All energies are in eV.

^b At the BP86/Y/Stuttgart+2f1g/O/aug-cc-pVTZ level.

^c Single point CCSD(T) energy using BP86 results within 0.20 eV .

^d CCSD(T) optimization calculations of Y_3O^-

Table S II. Cartesian coordinates for the all optimized structures within 0.40 eV for $Y_3O_x^{-0}$ ($x = 0-5$) at the BP86/Y/Stuttgart+2f1g/O/aug-cc-pvTZ level of theory.

Cartesian coordinates (Å) of alternative $Y_3O_x^{-0}$ structures

	x	y	z		x	y	z
$Y_3^- D_{3h}$ ($^1A_1'$ 0.00 eV)				$Y_3 D_{3h}$ ($^2A_2''$ 0.10 eV)			
Y	0.000000	1.786178	0.000000	Y	0.000000	1.833747	0.000000
Y	1.546876	-0.893089	0.000000	Y	-1.588072	-0.916874	0.000000
Y	-1.546876	-0.893089	0.000000	Y	1.588072	-0.916874	0.000000
$Y_3^- D_{3h}$ ($^3A_2''$ 0.27 eV)				$Y_3 D_{3h}$ ($^4A_2''$ 0.27 eV)			
Y	0.000000	1.822350	0.000000	Y	0.000000	1.609661	-0.929349
Y	1.578201	-0.911175	0.000000	Y	0.000000	0.000000	1.858698
Y	-1.578201	-0.911175	0.000000	Y	0.000000	-1.609661	-0.929349
$Y_3^- D_{3h}$ ($^3A_1'$ 0.34 eV)				$Y_3 C_{2v}$ (4B_2 0.31 eV)			
Y	0.000000	1.817161	0.000000	Y	0.000000	0.000000	1.798438
Y	1.573708	-0.908581	0.000000	Y	0.000000	1.676402	-0.899219
Y	-1.573708	-0.908581	0.000000	Y	0.000000	-1.676402	-0.899219
$Y_3^- C_{2v}$ (3A_2 0.34 eV)				$Y_3O^- C_{3v}$ (1A_1 0.00 eV)			
Y	0.000000	0.000000	1.781257	Y	0.000000	1.813827	-0.074687
Y	0.000000	1.623013	-0.890629	Y	-1.570820	-0.906913	-0.074687
Y	0.000000	-1.623013	-0.890629	Y	1.570820	-0.906913	-0.074687
				O	0.000000	0.000000	1.092303
$Y_3 D_{3h}$ ($^2A_1'$ 0.00 eV)				$Y_3O^- C_{2v}$ (3B_1 0.05 eV)			
Y	0.000000	1.824507	0.000000	Y	0.000000	1.648543	-0.846583
Y	-1.580070	-0.912254	0.000000	Y	0.000000	0.000000	2.099996
Y	1.580070	-0.912254	0.000000	Y	0.000000	-1.648543	-0.846583

O	0.000000	0.000000	-1.983300	O	0.620416	0.701953	0.000000
Y₃O⁻ C_s (³A'' 0.07 eV)				Y₃O C_{3v} (²A₁ 0.00 eV)			
Y	0.661710	-0.625445	1.698788	Y	0.000000	1.849328	-0.069078
Y	-1.459156	1.120718	0.000000	Y	-1.601565	-0.924664	-0.069078
Y	0.661710	-0.625445	-1.698788	Y	1.601565	-0.924664	-0.069078
O	0.661710	0.634590	0.000000	O	0.000000	0.000000	1.010261
Y₃O⁻ C_{2v} (¹A₁ 0.22 eV)				Y₃O C_{2v} (⁴B₁ 0.25 eV)			
Y	0.000000	0.000000	2.067547	Y	0.000000	1.676426	-0.819033
Y	0.000000	1.604544	-0.825742	Y	0.000000	-1.676426	-0.819033
Y	0.000000	-1.604544	-0.825742	Y	0.000000	0.000000	2.028467
O	0.000000	0.000000	-2.028311	O	0.000000	0.000000	-1.903203
Y₃O⁻ C_s (³A'' 0.24 eV)				Y₃O₂⁻ C_s (¹A' 0.00 eV)			
Y	2.024351	0.896397	0.000000	Y	1.310771	1.803693	0.000000
Y	-2.062448	0.739885	0.000000	Y	-0.555567	-0.772985	1.604636
Y	0.038097	-1.740200	0.000000	Y	-0.555567	-0.772985	-1.604636
O	0.000000	0.506597	0.000000	O	-0.417665	0.736276	0.000000
Y₃O⁻ C_{3v} (³A₁ 0.31 eV)				Y₃O₂⁻ C_s (¹A' 0.02 eV)			
Y	0.000000	2.027291	-0.036423	Y	0.259662	-1.051956	1.901018
Y	1.755686	-1.013646	-0.036423	Y	-0.625853	1.735842	0.000000
Y	-1.755686	-1.013646	-0.036423	Y	0.259662	-1.051956	-1.901018
O	0.000000	0.000000	0.532682	O	0.259662	0.897169	1.658909
Y₃O⁻ C_s (⁵A' 0.40 eV)				Y₃O₂⁻ C_s (³A'' 0.18 eV)			
Y	0.620416	-0.775737	1.551672	Y	2.101716	0.192932	0.000000
Y	0.620416	-0.775737	-1.551672				
Y	-1.368096	1.407483	0.000000				

Y -1.806281 1.571250 0.000000

Y -0.587591 -1.539685 0.000000

O 1.424263 -1.711537 0.000000

O 0.000000 0.617114 0.000000

$Y_3O_2^- C_s (^3A' 0.20 \text{ eV})$

Y 2.071275 -0.023580 0.000000

Y -1.603314 1.831635 0.000000

Y -0.728121 -1.536256 0.000000

O 1.268281 -1.872231 0.000000

O 0.000000 0.547210 0.000000

$Y_3O_2^- C_{2v} (^3A_2 0.21 \text{ eV})$

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Y 0.000000 1.706021 -1.127623

Y 0.000000 -1.706021 -1.127623

O 0.000000 1.773127 0.843142

O 0.000000 -1.773127 0.843142

$Y_3O_2^- C_2 (^1A 0.32 \text{ eV})$

Y 0.000000 3.363850 -0.565371

Y 0.000000 0.000000 1.085947

Y 0.000000 -3.363850 -0.565371

O 0.709283 1.695045 0.109186

O -0.709283 -1.695045 0.109186

$Y_3O_2^- C_s (^5A'' 0.34 \text{ eV})$

Y -0.360933 1.792091 0.000000

Y 0.149749 -1.081683 1.682866

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O 0.149749 0.904985 1.798290

O 0.149749 0.904985 -1.798290

$Y_3O_2 C_s (^2A' 0.00 \text{ eV})$

Y -1.353520 1.581258 0.000000

Y 0.557037 -0.679316 1.598143

Y 0.557037 -0.679316 -1.598143

O 0.557037 0.816209 0.000000

O 0.610262 -1.901508 0.000000

$Y_3O_2 C_{2v} (^4A_2 0.06 \text{ eV})$

Y 0.000000 0.000000 1.994770

Y 0.000000 1.720539 -1.164028

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O 0.000000 1.657869 0.812384

O 0.000000 -1.657869 0.812384

$Y_3O_2 C_s (^4A'' 0.16 \text{ eV})$

Y 0.538767 -0.685123 1.577992

Y -1.371205 1.588778 0.000000

Y 0.538767 -0.685123 -1.577992

O 0.892882 -1.885980 0.000000

O 0.538767 0.820638 0.000000

			O	0.275088	1.145059	1.869708
			O	0.275088	1.145059	-1.869708
			O	-0.344158	-0.795434	0.000000
Y₃O₂ C₂ (²A 0.39 eV)						
Y	0.000000	3.323519	-0.548276			
Y	0.000000	0.000000	1.085004			
Y	0.000000	-3.323519	-0.548276			
O	0.704516	1.606148	0.028150			
O	-0.704516	-1.606148	0.028150			
Y₃O₃ C_s (²A'' 0.00 eV)						
Y	0.654949	1.502425	0.000000			
Y	-0.339301	-0.906956	1.792618			
Y	-0.339301	-0.906956	-1.792618			
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O	-0.339301	1.096462	-1.749817			
O	0.793909	-0.674428	0.000000			
Y₃O₃⁻ C_s (³A'' 0.00 eV)						
Y	-0.670489	1.555409	0.000000			
Y	0.347085	-0.924307	1.760216			
Y	0.347085	-0.924307	-1.760216			
O	0.347085	1.069300	1.756912			
O	0.347085	1.069300	-1.756912			
O	-0.809620	-0.709221	0.000000			
Y₃O₃⁻ C_{3v} (¹A₁ 0.02 eV)						
Y	0.000000	2.057113	-0.068388			
Y	1.781512	-1.028556	-0.068388			
Y	-1.781512	-1.028556	-0.068388			
O	1.659708	0.958233	0.333393			
O	-1.659708	0.958233	0.333393			
O	0.000000	-1.916466	0.333393			
Y₃O₃ C_s (²A' 0.04 eV)						
Y	0.007261	-1.078110	1.637314			
Y	0.007261	-1.078110	-1.637314			
Y	-0.225753	2.121292	0.000000			
O	1.015226	-1.710176	0.000000			
O	0.007261	0.940224	1.635146			
O	0.007261	0.940224	-1.635146			
Y₃O₃⁻ C_s (¹A' 0.32 eV)						
Y	-0.592436	1.398985	0.000000			
Y	0.275088	-0.852794	2.041935			
Y	0.275088	-0.852794	-2.041935			
Y₃O₃ C_s (²A' 0.12 eV)						
Y	0.660719	1.604865	0.000000			
Y	-0.350451	-0.941552	1.666743			
Y	-0.350451	-0.941552	-1.666743			

O	-0.350451	1.027043	1.740841
O	-0.350451	1.027043	-1.740841
O	0.896793	-0.697673	0.000000

Y₃O₃ D_{3h} (⁴A₁' 0.16 eV)

Y	1.861824	1.074924	0.000000
Y	-1.861824	1.074924	0.000000
Y	0.000000	-2.149849	0.000000
O	0.000000	1.868794	0.000000
O	1.618423	-0.934397	0.000000
O	-1.618423	-0.934397	0.000000

Y₃O₄⁻ C_s (³A' 0.06 eV)

Y	-0.301542	-0.875932	1.581499
Y	-0.301542	-0.875932	-1.581499
Y	0.802439	1.679986	0.000000
O	-1.493390	-1.452438	0.000000
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O	-0.301542	1.165409	-1.682103
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Y₃O₄⁻ C_{3v} (¹A₁ 0.00 eV)

Y	0.000000	1.836211	0.071317
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Y₃O₄ C_{3v} (²A₁ 0.00 eV)

Y	0.000000	1.832621	0.068639
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Y	1.587097	-0.916311	0.068639
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O	0.000000	0.000000	1.237876

Y₃O₄⁻ C_s (³A'' 0.00 eV)

Y	-0.308503	-0.867287	1.599483
Y	-0.308503	-0.867287	-1.599483
Y	0.809550	1.646298	0.000000
O	-1.461127	-1.469510	0.000000
O	-0.308503	1.196568	1.666107
O	-0.308503	1.196568	-1.666107
O	1.139484	-0.493278	0.000000

Y₃O₅⁻ C_s (¹A' 0.00 eV)

Y	0.700180	1.617271	0.000000
Y	-0.414421	-1.042994	1.567802
Y	-0.414421	-1.042994	-1.567802

O	0.996362	-0.850912	0.000000	O	-1.253061	-0.206738	0.000000
O	2.149324	2.886593	0.000000	O	1.677724	-0.682444	0.000000
O	-1.689613	-1.573046	0.000000	O	0.242312	-2.462883	0.000000
O	-0.414421	0.911180	-1.852740	O	0.229440	1.278202	1.745314
O	-0.414421	0.911180	1.852740	O	0.229440	1.278202	-1.745314

Y₃O₅ C_s (²A' 0.00 eV)

Y	0.649603	1.553103	0.000000
Y	-0.413401	-1.035704	1.576317
Y	-0.413401	-1.035704	-1.576317
O	0.992287	-0.730349	0.000000
O	2.312744	2.924094	0.000000
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O	-0.413401	0.961215	-1.739572
O	-0.413401	0.961215	1.739572

Y₃O₅ C_s (²A' 0.11 eV)

Y	0.686435	1.529567	0.000000
Y	-0.433297	-1.024520	1.579013
Y	-0.433297	-1.024520	-1.579013
O	0.990778	-0.719381	0.000000
O	2.378372	2.908171	0.000000
O	-1.624280	-1.588585	0.000000
O	-0.433297	0.966115	-1.722040
O	-0.433297	0.966115	1.722040

Y₃O₅ C_s (²A' 0.21 eV)

Y	0.229440	-0.828589	1.505504
Y	0.229440	-0.828589	-1.505504
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Y₃O₆⁻ C_s (¹A' 0.00 eV)

Y	-0.524508	-1.196754	1.564062
Y	-0.524508	-1.196754	-1.564062
Y	0.592573	1.478197	0.000000
O	0.881339	-1.003940	0.000000
O	-1.789194	-1.733125	0.000000
O	-0.524508	0.784069	-1.766059
O	-0.524508	0.784069	1.766059
O	1.594976	3.372676	0.000000
O	2.587058	2.258390	0.000000

Y₃O₆⁻ C_s (³A'' 0.06 eV)

Y	-0.520641	-1.201445	1.580775
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Y	-0.520641	-1.201445	-1.580775			
Y	0.547363	1.385650	0.000000	Y₃O₆⁻ C_s (³A' 0.27 eV)		
O	0.895462	-0.871111	0.000000	Y	-0.528871	-1.194508 1.586401
O	-1.732066	-1.757450	0.000000	Y	-0.528871	-1.194508 -1.586401
O	-0.520641	0.832809	-1.729043	Y	0.553554	1.383383 0.000000
O	-0.520641	0.832809	1.729043	O	0.893566	-0.870955 0.000000
O	1.669828	3.446335	0.000000	O	-1.729158	-1.763165 0.000000
O	2.615918	2.475650	0.000000	O	-0.528871	0.837924 -1.720352
Y₃O₆⁻ C_s (³A'' 0.19 eV)				O	-0.528871	0.837924 1.720352
Y	0.780430	1.834095	0.000000	O	1.710713	3.423499 0.000000
Y	-0.323389	-0.677103	1.626938	O	2.640536	2.437237 0.000000
Y	-0.323389	-0.677103	-1.626938	Y₃O₆ C_s (³A' 0.00 eV)		
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O	-1.427671	-1.407292	0.000000	Y	0.539953	1.417378 0.000000
O	-0.323389	1.464818	-1.666723	O	0.873411	-0.891259 0.000000
O	0.123380	-1.817993	3.430130	O	-1.738033	-1.739278 0.000000
O	0.123380	-1.817993	-3.430130	O	-0.532736	0.816939 -1.719932
Y₃O₆⁻ C_s (¹A' 0.23 eV)				O	-0.532736	0.816939 1.719932
Y	-0.696686	-1.720996	0.000000	O	1.821960	3.329629 0.000000
Y	1.709536	-0.005412	0.000000	O	2.670040	2.274980 0.000000
Y	-1.057647	1.220472	0.000000			
O	0.023281	-0.140833	1.338478			
O	1.467678	-2.073957	0.000000			
O	0.023281	-0.140833	-1.338478			
O	-2.411496	-0.470432	0.000000			
O	0.023281	3.173110	0.000000			
O	1.092362	2.119385	0.000000			